

Remarks

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks. In the present application, claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, 42, and 45 have been amended and claims 3-4, 13-14, 20-21, and 38-39 have been canceled. Independent claims 1, 15, 22, 29, 35, 42, and 45 have been amended to specify that an RSS (Rich Site Summary) file is used to access a news story rendering file to display (view) data and to access a news story data file that contains the data associated with the news story. Independent claim 8 has further been amended to specify that the RSS file includes a link to a rendering file, the link including a directory listing to the rendering file. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to provide correct antecedent basis to amended independent claim 1. Support for these amendments may be found paragraphs 50-51, 67-73, and Appendix II in the Specification. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 8-11, 15-19, 22-26, 29-31, 33-34, 35-37, and 40-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Parks (U.S. Patent 6,596,031). Claims 3-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and 38-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parks in view of Dave Winer, “ScriptingNews 2.0b1,” [http://my.userland.com/stories/storyReader\\$11](http://my.userland.com/stories/storyReader$11), June 15, 1999 (hereinafter “Dave”).

Applicants’ Statement of the Substance of the Interview

A telephonic interview between Applicant’s representative Alton Hornsby, III (Registration No. 47,299) and the Examiner was held on April 4, 2006 to discuss independent claim 1 in view of the cited reference Parks. In the interview, Applicant’s representative pointed out that the reliance on Parks for teaching a file associated with a news rendering application to access a news story rendering file and to access a news story data file containing data associated with the news story was misplaced. Rather, it was argued that Parks actually discloses a parser

for verifying a news document in NMSL (news story markup language) format. The Examiner argued that the term “file” was unclear and that it was thought to be a document containing the news story which was also taught in Parks. The Examiner suggested clarifying the term “file” in a subsequent response.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-2, 8-11, 15-19, 22-26, 29-31, 33-34, 35-37, and 40-46 are rejected as being anticipated by Parks. The rejection of these claims is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claim 1 specifies a system for distributing one or more news stories to a reader. The system includes a computer accessible to the reader, the computer having a display device viewable by the reader, a web browser executing on the computer, the web browser having a graphical user interface, a list of titles corresponding to the one or more news stories, the list appearing as a portion of a web page in the graphical user interface, a selection device used by the reader to select one of the news stories to view, and a news story rendering application executing on the computer that uses an RSS file associated with the title of the news story selected by the reader to access a news story rendering file that instructs the web browser how to display data in the graphical user interface, and to access a news story data file that contains the data associated with the news story, wherein the news story data file is rendered so that it is viewable in the graphical user interface in accordance with the instructions in the news story rendering file and the data in the news story data file.

It is respectfully submitted that Parks fails to teach each of the features specified in amended independent claim 1. For example, Parks fails to teach the use of an RSS file associated with the title of the news story to access a news story rendering file and a news story data file. In the Office Action, it is alleged that Parks teaches a file associated with the title of a

news story selected by the reader to access a news story rendering file and a news story data file in Figs. 2A-2D; col. 6, lines 57-col. 8, line 65; and col. 19, lines 4-5. It is respectfully submitted, however, that Parks fails to teach an RSS file. In particular, the sections of Parks cited in the Office Action merely disclose a “parser” used for verifying a news document in NMSL format by replacing omitted tags or by filling in tags with default values (see Fig. 2B and col. 8, lines 1-65). There is not teaching or suggestion in Parks of an RSS file associated with the title of a news story to access a (separate) news story rendering file and a (separate) news story data file. Thus, for at least these reasons, amended independent claim 1 is allowable over Parks and the rejection of this claim should be withdrawn.

Claim 2 depends from amended independent claim 1, and is thus allowable for at least the same reasons. Independent claims 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, 42, and 45 recite similar features as amended independent claim 1 and are thus also allowable for at least the same reasons. For example, amended independent claim 8 recites a method for distributing one or more news stories to a reader, which includes (among other features), identifying an RSS file comprising rendering information for the selected news story, the rendering information including a link to a rendering file, the link including a directory listing to the rendering file. As discussed above, Parks fails to disclose an RSS file including a link to a rendering file. Parks further fails to disclose that the link includes a directory listing to the rendering file. Claims 9-11, 16-19, 23-26, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37, 40-41, 43-44, and 46 depend from amended independent claims 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, 42, and 45 respectively, and are thus also allowable for at least the same reasons. Therefore, the rejection of claims 2, 8-11, 15-19, 22-26, 29-31, 33-34, 35-37, and 40-46 should also be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 3-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and 38-39 are rejected as being unpatentable over Parks in view of Dave. As noted above, 3-4, 13-14, 20-21, and 38-39 have been canceled. The rejection of the remaining claims is respectfully traversed.

Claims 5-7 and 27-28 depend from amended independent claims 1 and 22 respectively and thus specify at least the same features. As discussed above, Parks fails to teach each of the features specified in amended independent claims 1 and 22 and thus also fails to teach the features specified in claims 5-7 and 27-28. It is respectfully submitted that Dave, relied upon in the Office Action to cure the deficiencies of Parks, also fails to teach, disclose, or suggest each of the features specified in claims 5-7 and 27-28. For example, although Dave does disclose the RSS file format (see page 1), the reference fails to disclose the use of an RSS file associated with the title of a news story to access a (separate) news story rendering file and a (separate) news story data file as specified in claims 5-7. Dave merely discloses a scriptingNews syndication format for use by actively updated news sites (see page 1). Moreover, there is no motivation to combine the teachings of Dave with the teachings of Parks because Dave actually teaches away from the use of the RSS format. In particular, Dave specifically describes the RSS format as limiting as compared to the scriptingNews web syndication format described therein (see page 1, which states that "...other formats such as RSS...are more limiting" and the inset box on page 2, where the advantages of the "fat" scriptingNews format are touted over the "skinny" RSS format). Thus, one or ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Parks with Dave because Dave discloses the use of an improved web syndication format for news sites instead of the more limiting RSS format. Thus, for at least these reasons, claims 5-7 are allowable over Parks and Dave and the rejection of this claim should be withdrawn. Claims 28-

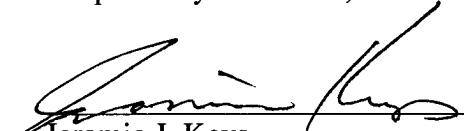
29 recited similar features as claims 5-7, are thus allowable for at least the same reasons, and therefore, the rejection of these claims should also be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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